

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H3281, H3339**

Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 through 2012: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 99, to revise the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 through 2012, by a yeand-nay vote of 216 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 212.

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Rejected:

Kilpatrick amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–79) that sought to balance the budget in FY 2012, and produce a total cumulative deficit that is \$339 billion lower than that of the President's budget (by a recorded vote of 115 yeas to 312 noes, Roll No. 209);

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Woolsey amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–79) that has a non-defense, domestic discretionary spending number of just over \$483 billion and sought to balance the budget by FY 2010 (by a recorded vote of 81 yeas to 340 noes, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 210); and

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Ryan (WI) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–79) that sought to retain the 2001 and 2003 tax provisions, and provides for one-year extensions of alternative minimum tax [AMT] relief, the State and local sales tax deduction, and the research and experimentation [R&E] tax credit and also sets discretionary spending at \$1,079.6 billion in fiscal year 2008 and \$5,079.8 billion over 5 years (by a recorded vote of 160 yeas to 268 noes, Roll No. 211).

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H. Res. 275, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to on Wednesday, March 28th.

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 103, providing for an adjournment of the House and a recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a yeand-nay vote of 214 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 213.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeand-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3299–H3300, H3311, H3327, H3338, and H3339. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HONEY BEE DECLINE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture held a hearing to review colony collapse disorder in honey bee colonies across the United States. Testimony was heard from Caird E. Rexroad, Associate Administrator, Agriculture Research Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Richard Raymond, Under Secretary, Food Safety; David Goldman, Acting Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service; and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on Commission on Civil Rights/Legal Services Corporation/State Justice Institute. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Legal Services Corporation: Helaine M. Barnett, President and Frank B. Strickland, Chairman, Board of Directors; Kevin Linskey, Executive Director, State Justice Institute; and Kenneth L. Marcus, Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on International Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from Daniel Pearson, Chairman, International Trade Commission.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Secretary of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert Gates, Secretary; and GEN Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Weapons Activities Oversight. Testimony was heard from former Senator Sam Nunn of

Georgia and Co-Chairman and CEO, Nuclear Threat Initiative; William Perry, former Secretary of Defense; GEN James E. Cartright, USA, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Department of Energy: Weapons Activities/and Naval Reactors. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Thomas D'Agostino, Acting Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; and ADM Kirkland Donald, USN, Deputy Administrator, Naval Reactors.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government, and Related Agencies held a hearing on IRS. Testimony was heard from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Bioterrorism Preparedness and the Role of Department of Homeland Security Chief Medical Officer. Testimony was heard from Keith Rhodes, Director, Technology and Engineering, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: John Vitko, Division Head, Chemical and Biological Division, Science and Technology; and Tom McGinn, Director of Veterinary and Agriculture Security; and a public witness.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs/Office of the Special Trustee. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Jim Cason, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and Ross Swimmer, Special Trustee, American Indians.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the House of Representatives: Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk; William Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; and Dan Beard, Chief Administrative Officer.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VA, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Air Force Budget. Testimony was heard from GEN T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Transportation Safety: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration/Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration/National Transportation Safety Board. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Nicole Nason, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; John Hill, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and Thomas J. Barrett, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; and Mark V. Rosenkar, Board Member, National Transportation Safety Board.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT—USE OF GUANTANAMO BAY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Military Commissions Act and the continued use of Guantanamo Bay as a detention facility. Testimony was heard from William H. Taft IV, former Legal Adviser, Department of State and former Deputy Secretary of Defense; Patrick F. Philbin, former Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on overview of morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Leslye A. Arsht, Deputy Under Secretary, Military Community and Family Policy; BG Belinda Pinckney, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command; RADM Mark A. Handley, USN,

Vice Commander, Navy Installations Command; Michael P. Downs, Director, Personal and Family Readiness Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and Arthur J. Myers, Director, Air Force Services.

NCLB EFFECTS ON DISABLED

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education hearing on How NCLB Affects Students with Disabilities. Testimony was heard from Rebecca Cort, Deputy Commissioner, Office for Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities, Department of Education, State of New York; and public witnesses.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Climate Change: Lessons Learned from Existing Cap and Trade Programs." Testimony was heard from Brian McLean, Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1515, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant program; H.R. 1427, amended, Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2007; H.R. 1675, Preservation Approval Process Improvement Act of 2007; and H.R. 1676, Native American Home Ownership Opportunity Act of 2007.

U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on the 2007 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices and the Promotion of Human Rights in U.S. Foreign Policy. Testimony was heard from the following former Assistant Secretaries for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State: Harold Hongju Koh; and John Shattuck.

SECURE HANDLING OF AMMONIUM NITRATE ACT OF 2007

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science and Technology approved for full Committee action H.R. 1680, Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Act of 2007.

VOTER CONFIDENCE INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on House Administration: Met to discuss the status of H.R. 811, Voter Confidence and Increased

Accessibility Act of 2007, which is before the Subcommittee on Elections.

DECEPTIVE PRACTICES AND VOTER INTIMIDATION PREVENTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1281, Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act of 2007.

ENSURING EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Ensuring Executive Branch Accountability. Testimony was heard from the following former Assistants to President Bill Clinton: John Podesta, Chief of Staff; and Beth Nolan, Counsel; Noel J. Francisco, former Associate Counsel to President George W. Bush; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—OCEAN POLICY PRIORITIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on ocean policy priorities in the United States. Testimony was heard from Mary M. Clackin, Assistant Administrator, Program Planning and Integration, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and the following Co-Chairs of the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative: ADM James D. Watkins, USN (ret.); and former Representative Leon Panetta of California.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 189, Paterson Great Falls National Park Act of 2007; H.R. 359, César Estrade Chávez Study Act; and H.R. 1080, Grand Teton National Park Extension Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cubin, Pascrell, Jr., and Solis; Dan Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 625, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4230 Maine Avenue in Baldwin Park, California, as the "Atanacio Haro-Marin Post Office;" H.R. 1124, To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999; H.R. 1402, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South Lecanto Highway in Lecanto, Florida, as the "Sergeant Dennis J. Flanagan Lecanto Post Office Building;" H.R. 1425, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the “Staff Sergeant Marvin “Rex” Young Post Office Building;” H.R. 988, To designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, as the “Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office;” H.R. 1434, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 896 Pittsburgh Street in Springdale, Pennsylvania, as the “Rachel Carson Post Office Building;” H. Con. Res. 88, Honoring the life of Ernest Gallo; H. Con. Res. 71, Commemorating the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the Nation’s 1.3 million American citizens of Greek Ancestry, and Philhellenes; H. Res. 179, Expressing support for a National Foster Parents Day; and H. Res. 273, Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month.

The Committee began consideration of H.R. 401, National Capital Transportation Amendments Act of 2007.

The Committee also approved Oversight Plans for the 110th Congress.

TAXPAYER FUNDED STADIUMS/ FACILITIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on Build It and They Will Come: Do Taxpayer-financed Sports Stadiums, Convention Centers and Hotels deliver as promised for America’s Cities. Testimony was heard from Donald Korb, Chief Counsel, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

NSF REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on reauthorizing the National Science Foundation, Part 2. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NEXT GENERATION AIR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on JPDO and the Next Generation Air Transportation System: Status and Issues. Testimony was heard from Charles Leader, Director, Joint Planning and Development Office, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESSES—PATENT REFORM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “The Importance of Patent Reform on Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from John Doll, Commissioner of Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Of-

fice, Department of Commerce; and Public witnesses.

FAA’S OVERSIGHT—OUTSOURCED AIR CARRIER MAINTENANCE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the FAA’s oversight of Outsourced Air Carrier Maintenance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Nicholas Sabatini, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA; Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine legislative presentations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from John Garcia, New Mexico Department of Veterans’ Services, Santa Fe, on behalf of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs; Thomas C. McGriff, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; Tom Poulter, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Springfield, Virginia; Jerry L. Sweeney, Fleet Reserve Association, and Colonel Ana R. Smythe, USMC (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, both of Alexandria, Virginia; Gunner Sergeant Patrick Corbett, USMC (Ret.), the Retired Enlisted Association, Aurora, Colorado; Rose Elizabeth Lee, Gold Star Wives of America, Arlington, Virginia; and sundry public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D408)

H.R. 1129, to provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an arterial road in St. Louis County, Missouri. Signed on March 28, 2007 (Public Law 110–16)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, and the United States Capitol police, 10 a.m., SD–138.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.